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Yellow Springs June 14th 1863

Dear Son

We received yours of the 8th day before yesterday and was glad to hear from you again. yes Grant is having a warm time and so are the Rebs. I guess they would be glad to change places with Grant if they could. I hope ^{we} will hear the good news before many days that he has ^{taken} their Gibraltar as they call it. Some of the People here think the Rebels will give up when Vicksburg and Port Hudson are taken. but I am afraid they wont. O but it would be nice to have the War over and the Boys all come home. Mrs Crain says she is going to Cann all of their Strawberries and when the Boys comes home she is going to divide them round. Charly Crain is in the ninety fourth Or S at Murfreesborough. the papers give an account of three Corps of Hookers Army having crossed the River probably that was when the firing took place that you spoke of. I have just been up to ^{see} Milo Lawrence he is as cheerful as can be

he says

I let him read your letter and ^{he} has no notion of losing life nor limb. Either he says he thinks he will be able to walk as well as ever in a few months. O yes I saw D and his Wife they were home to day for the first time since they were Married I believe I told you in my last that he was Married. She is not quite so fancy looking as Jo's Wife. but looks as if she could take hold of work without being afraid of it. well to change the subject have you been reinforced since the Battle of Chancellorsville. The papers say that Lee has double as many as he had then. but they say they are raw Conscripts. the Butternuts have had a Conversion in Columbus and have nominated Vallandigham for Governor of Ohio. but nominating and electing are two different things I guess when the Soldiers votes come pouring in he will stand a slim chance. the Unionists will hold their Convention this week to nominate their candidate. Mr and Mrs McKil are coming up to commencement but I expect Mary has told you about it in her note so I will say no

more. we all feel very much disappointed
that you cannot come home but as you
say we will have to beare it patiently.
I made a mistake when I said Warner Mills
was in Stevenson's Division he is in Logans
~~and~~ I got a letter from Eva Carr the other day
her name is Grayham now she said she was
very anxious to hear from us she said she had
heard that you was in the Army and she
wanted to know what Reg. you was in and
where you was and all about you her
oldest Brother is in the 42nd Indiana Reg.
her youngest Brother was discharged on account
ill health she says she would like to see us
all very much. who will be your Col. and Brig.
Gen. wont you have some more promotions
before long tell us all about things in your
next. do you get Frank Seblea we send them
as soon as we read them but they dont come
as regular as they used to well I must close
his is at Enon yet she sent a note over for us
to put in this letter to you write as often as you
can. from your Mother C Sadley